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## WORLD MEAT CONSUMPTION

### ABOVE 1956-60 AVERAGE

During the past 6 or 7 years meat consumption per person has increased materially in the deficit meat producing countries of Western Europe, in Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, USSR, Japan, Canada, and the United States. Rising consumer incomes in most of these countries have resulted in higher meat consumption, particularly that of beef and veal. Strong demand for meat in these meat-deficit areas has held down consumption in Australia, Ireland, Uruguay, and Argentina as these exporting countries have been able to ship large amounts of meat at favorable prices. New Zealand has increased meat consumption despite strong export demand.

In 1963 per capita meat consumption was above the 1956-60 average in 30 of the 40 countries for which detailed statistics have been compiled. Consumption was below average in the remaining 10 countries, including 5 in South America, as well as Ireland, Poland, Yugoslavia, Republic of South Africa, and Australia. From 1962 to 1963, consumption per person increased in 24 countries, remained unchanged in 4 others, and decreased in 12.

Per capita consumption in 1963 ranged from 13 pounds in Japan to 240 pounds in New Zealand. The 9 leading consumers following New Zealand were Australia, 219; Argentina, 216; Uruguay, 203; the United States, 169; Canada, 140; United Kingdom, 139; France, 132; Denmark, 130, and Belgium and Luxembourg, 123. Consumption exceeded 200 pounds of meat per person in only 4 countries during the year. In 12 countries consumption was between 100 and 200 pounds; in 17, between 50 and 100 pounds, and in 7 less than 50 pounds.

This Circular contains information similar to that published in World Agricultural Production and Trade, September 1964.

## Beef and Veal

This circular publishes for the first time detailed statistics by types of meat for all countries. Beef and veal consumption per person in 1963 was above the 1956-60 average in 31 countries under review, but below average in 8 countries.

During 1963 beef and veal consumption ranged from 4 pounds per capita in Japan to 190 pounds in Argentina. The other high consuming countries using 104 pounds or more per person each were Uruguay, Australia, and New Zealand. Consumption in the United States was 99 pounds and in Canada 80. Other countries using over 50 pounds were France, 73; United Kingdom, 67; Paraguay, 67; Belgium and Luxembourg, 61; Colombia, 57; Switzerland, 54 and the Republic of South Africa, 54.

## Pork

Pork consumption in 1963 increased in only 11 countries over a year earlier. Utilization per person in 15 other countries remained unchanged from a year earlier but it declined in 12 countries. Consumption in 23 countries exceeded the 1956-60 average; in 8 it equaled the average and in 7 others it was below average.

Range in per capita consumption during 1963 was from a low of 6 pounds in the Republic of South Africa to a high of 84 in Denmark. Other leading consumers were: West Germany, 69; Austria, 69; the United States, 65; Hungary, 62; Switzerland, 58; Sweden, 57; Czechoslovakia, 56; Belgium and Luxembourg, 54; Canada, 51, and the Netherlands, 50.

## Lamb, Mutton and Goat

Consumption of lamb, mutton, and goat meat varies sharply from country to country, averaging as little as under one-half pound per person per year in several countries, as high as 93 pounds per person in Australia and 96 in New Zealand. The other leading consumers in 1963 were Uruguay, 34; Greece, 27; United Kingdom, 24; Ireland, 18; Republic of South Africa, 15; Bulgaria, 14; Argentina, 11; Norway, 9; and USSR, 9. The United States is well down the list at 5 pounds.

Consumption in 1963 was above average in Greece, USSR, Australia, and New Zealand. It was average in Norway, the United Kingdom, and Bulgaria, but below average in Argentina, Uruguay, Ireland, and the Republic of South Africa. During 1962 and 1963, consumption increased in Greece and Ireland; remained unchanged in the United Kingdom, Bulgaria, USSR, and New Zealand, but declined in Australia, Argentina, Uruguay, Norway, and Republic of South Africa.

### Horse Meat

Horsemeat is important as human food in most European countries, the USSR, and Japan. The leading consumers in 1963 were Belgium and Luxembourg, 7 pounds per person; France, 5 pounds; the Netherlands, 4; and Sweden, 3.



**BEEF AND VEAL 1/** Per capita consumption in specified countries,  
Average 1956-60, annual 1959-63

Continent and country	Average 1956-60	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
<b>North America:</b>						
Canada 2/.....	77	73	77	77	76	80
United States 2/ 3/.....	91	87	91	94	94	99
Mexico.....	26	25	25	24	25	27
<b>South America:</b>						
Argentina.....	187	153	158	181	174	190
Brazil.....	47	47	45	40	39	36
Chile.....	43	44	45	45	42	40
Colombia.....	51	47	48	52	54	57
Ecuador.....	19	20	20	20	21	22
Paraguay.....	106	107	87	83	73	67
Peru.....	16	16	15	16	16	15
Uruguay.....	165	172	187	157	146	151
Venezuela.....	34	38	39	43	43	44
<b>Europe:</b>						
<b>Western:</b>						
Belgium and Luxembourg.....	48	50	49	49	53	61
France.....	64	61	64	67	70	73
Germany, West.....	40	40	42	44	46	47
Italy.....	26	28	30	32	35	43
Netherlands.....	40	40	41	43	47	50
EEC.....	43	43	45	47	49	54
Austria.....	40	40	41	41	45	44
Denmark 2/.....	36	36	35	37	45	44
Finland.....	4/	34	34	38	40	43
Greece.....	8	8	9	11	14	21
Ireland.....	28	32	31	30	18	18
Norway.....	31	30	31	33	33	33
Portugal.....	10	12	13	15	15	15
Spain.....	12	12	12	14	15	19
Sweden.....	42	42	43	43	44	45
Switzerland.....	44	44	45	48	52	54
United Kingdom 2/.....	65	60	62	64	65	67
<b>Eastern:</b>						
Bulgaria.....	22	22	15	19	22	23
Czechoslovakia.....	31	34	32	38	41	40
Germany, East.....	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/
Hungary.....	23	24	27	26	25	26
Poland.....	23	26	25	23	26	29
Yugoslavia.....	14	14	13	13	17	15
USSR (Europe and Asia).....	26	28	29	25	28	30
<b>Africa:</b>						
South Africa, Republic of.....	55	55	53	52	52	54
<b>Asia:</b>						
Japan.....	3	4	3	3	3	4
Philippines.....	6	6	6	8	8	8
<b>Oceania:</b>						
Australia 5/.....	125	126	105	93	100	104
New Zealand 6/.....	107	99	98	97	106	111

1/ Carcass weight basis - excludes edible variety meats, lard, rabbit, and poultry meat. 2/ Per capita consumption figures taken into account changes in commercial stocks. Data for United States and Canada are for civilian consumption only. 3/ Beginning 1960 data include Alaska and Hawaii. 4/ Included in total consumption. 5/ Year ending June 30. 6/ Year ending September 30.

PORK 1/: Per capita consumption in specified countries,  
Average 1956-60, annual 1959-63

Continent and country	Average 1956-60	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
North America:						
Canada 2/.....	51	57	53	50	50	51
United States 2/ 3/.....	64	68	65	62	64	65
Mexico.....	13	11	12	11	12	12
South America:						
Argentina.....	17	15	17	18	15	15
Brazil.....	17	16	16	16	17	17
Chile.....	8	8	7	7	7	7
Colombia.....	8	8	9	9	8	8
Ecuador.....	7	8	9	9	9	9
Paraguay.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Peru.....	7	8	8	7	8	9
Uruguay.....	16	18	18	18	19	18
Venezuela.....	11	12	12	11	11	11
Europe:						
Western:						
Belgium and Luxembourg.....	48	48	51	48	51	54
France.....	48	49	45	46	48	48
Germany, West.....	64	62	66	67	71	69
Italy.....	20	21	23	21	22	22
Netherlands.....	47	44	54	51	54	50
EEC.....	45	45	46	46	48	48
Austria.....	65	67	69	69	69	69
Denmark 2/.....	83	92	91	89	82	84
Finland.....	4/	30	28	31	33	32
Greece.....	7	6	7	7	8	9
Ireland.....	48	46	50	51	48	45
Norway.....	34	33	35	35	34	35
Portugal.....	24	23	24	24	23	26
Spain.....	18	18	19	18	20	23
Sweden.....	57	57	56	56	57	57
Switzerland.....	54	55	58	58	57	58
United Kingdom 2/.....	43	44	45	46	49	48
Eastern:						
Bulgaria.....	25	26	28	30	31	31
Czechoslovakia.....	57	61	63	58	57	56
Germany, East.....	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/
Hungary.....	62	67	47	52	62	62
Poland.....	56	54	53	59	57	47
Yugoslavia.....	23	24	28	26	23	22
USSR (Europe and Asia).....	26	29	26	28	30	32
Africa:						
South Africa, Republic of.....	7	7	6	6	6	6
Asia:						
Japan.....	4	4	4	5	7	7
Philippines.....	13	13	12	12	12	13
Oceania:						
Australia 5/.....	19	20	19	20	23	22
New Zealand 6/.....	32	33	34	33	33	33

1/ Carcass weight basis - excludes edible variety meats, lard, rabbit, and poultry. 2/ Per capita consumption figures taken into account changes in commercial stocks. Data for United States and Canada are for civilian consumption only. 3/ Beginning 1960 data include Alaska and Hawaii. 4/ Included in total consumption. 5/ Year ending June 30. 6/ Year ending September 30.

MUTTON, LAMB AND GOATMEAT 1/: Per capita consumption in specified countries,  
Average 1956-60, annual 1959-63

Continent and country	Average 1956-60	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
North America:						
Canada 2/.....	2	2	2	3	4	4
United States 2/ 3/.....	4	5	5	5	5	5
Mexico.....	3	3	3	4	3	4
South America:						
Argentina.....	14	14	14	13	13	11
Brazil.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
Chile.....	8	7	8	7	6	5
Colombia.....	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/
Ecuador.....	3	4	4	4	4	4
Paraguay.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Peru.....	8	8	8	8	8	8
Uruguay.....	39	36	38	36	35	34
Venezuela.....	1	4/	4/	1	1	1
Europe:						
Western:						
Belgium and Luxembourg.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
France.....	6	6	6	6	6	6
Germany, West.....	1	1	1	1	1	4/
Italy.....	2	2	2	2	2	2
Netherlands.....	1	1	1	1	1	4/
EEC.....	3	3	3	3	3	3
Austria.....	1	4/	4/	4/	1	4/
Denmark 2/.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
Finland.....	5/	6/ 6	6/ 2	6/ 3	1	1
Greece.....	21	20	21	21	21	27
Ireland.....	20	21	24	18	17	18
Norway.....	9	9	9	9	10	9
Portugal.....	5	5	6	5	6	5
Spain.....	7	7	9	8	9	8
Sweden.....	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/
Switzerland.....	1	1	1	1	2	2
United Kingdom 2/.....	24	25	25	25	24	24
Eastern:						
Bulgaria.....	14	15	13	14	14	14
Czechoslovakia.....	2	2	2	2	2	2
Germany, East.....	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/	5/
Hungary.....	1	1	1	2	2	1
Poland.....	2	2	2	2	2	2
Yugoslavia.....	6	7	7	5	6	5
USSR (Europe and Asia).....	8	9	8	8	9	9
Africa:						
South Africa, Republic of..	16	16	16	15	17	15
Asia:						
Japan.....	4/	4/	1	1	1	1
Philippines.....	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/
Oceania:						
Australia 7/.....	84	87	103	102	98	93
New Zealand 8/.....	83	88	95	93	96	96

1/ Carcass weight basis - excludes edible variety meats, lard, rabbit, and poultry meat.

2/ Per capita consumption figures taken into account changes in commercial stocks. Data for United States and Canada are for civilian consumption only. 3/ Beginning 1960 data include Alaska and Hawaii. 4/ Less than .5 pound. 5/ Included in total consumption. 6/ Includes horsemeat. 7/ Year ending June 30. 8/ Year ending September 30.



HORSEMEAT 1/: Per capita consumption in specified countries,  
Average 1956-60, annual 1959-63

Continent and country	Average 1956-60	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
North America:						
Canada.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
United States.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mexico.....	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
South America:						
Argentina.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Brazil.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Chile.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Colombia.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Ecuador.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Paraguay.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Peru.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Uruguay.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Venezuela.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Europe:						
Western:						
Belgium and Luxembourg.....	6	7	5	7	7	7
France.....	5	4	5	6	5	5
Germany, West.....	2/	2/	1	1	2/	1
Italy.....	2	1	1	2	2	2
Netherlands.....	3	3	3	3	3	4
EEC.....	2	2	2	2	3	2
Austria.....	2	2	2	2	1	1
Denmark 3/.....	1	2	2	2	1	1
Finland.....	4/	5/	5/	5/	1	2
Greece.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Ireland.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Norway.....	1	1	1	2	1	1
Portugal.....	1	1	1	1	2/	1
Spain.....	1	1	1	2/	1	1
Sweden.....	4	4	4	4	4	3
Switzerland.....	2	2	2	2	2	2
United Kingdom.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Eastern:						
Bulgaria.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Czechoslovakia.....	1	1	2/	2/	2/	2/
Germany, East.....	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/
Hungary.....	3	5	6	4	2	1
Poland.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
Yugoslavia.....	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
USSR (Europe and Asia).....	2	2	2	2	2	2
Africa:						
South Africa, Republic of...	---	---	---	---	---	---
Asia:						
Japan.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
Philippines.....	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Oceania:						
Australia.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
New Zealand.....	---	---	---	---	---	---

1/ Carcass weight basis - excludes edible variety meats, lard, rabbit, and poultry meat.  
2/ Less than .5 pound. 3/ Per capita consumption figures taken into account changes in commercial stocks. Data for United States and Canada are for civilian consumption only. 4/ Included in total consumption. 5/ Included in lamb, mutton, and goatmeat.

TOTAL MEAT 1/: Per capita consumption in specified countries,  
Average 1956-60, annual 1959-63

Continent and country	Average 1956-60	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
North America:						
Canada <u>2/</u> <u>3/</u> .....	135	137	139	134	134	140
United States <u>2/</u> <u>4/</u> .....	159	160	161	161	163	169
Mexico.....	42	39	40	39	40	43
South America:						
Argentina.....	218	182	189	212	202	216
Brazil.....	65	64	62	57	57	54
Chile.....	59	59	60	59	55	52
Colombia.....	59	56	57	61	62	65
Ecuador.....	29	32	33	33	34	35
Paraguay.....	106	107	87	83	73	67
Peru.....	31	32	31	31	32	32
Uruguay.....	220	226	243	211	200	203
Venezuela.....	46	50	51	55	55	56
Europe:						
Western:						
Belgium and Luxembourg.....	103	106	106	105	112	123
France.....	123	120	120	125	129	132
Germany, West.....	105	103	110	113	118	117
Italy.....	50	52	56	57	61	69
Netherlands.....	91	88	99	98	105	104
EEC.....	93	93	96	98	103	107
Austria.....	108	109	112	112	116	114
Denmark <u>2/</u> .....	121	131	129	129	129	130
Finland.....	69	70	64	72	75	78
Greece.....	36	34	37	39	43	57
Ireland.....	96	99	105	99	83	81
Norway.....	75	73	76	79	78	78
Portugal.....	40	41	44	45	44	47
Spain.....	38	38	41	40	45	51
Sweden.....	103	103	103	103	105	105
Switzerland.....	101	102	106	109	113	116
United Kingdom <u>2/</u> .....	132	129	132	135	138	139
Eastern:						
Bulgaria.....	61	63	56	63	67	68
Czechoslovakia.....	91	98	97	98	100	98
Germany, East.....	93	103	97	102	103	109
Hungary.....	89	97	81	84	91	90
Poland.....	82	83	81	85	86	79
Yugoslavia.....	43	45	48	44	46	42
USSR (Europe and Asia).....	62	68	65	63	69	73
Africa:						
South Africa, Republic of.....	78	78	75	73	75	75
Asia:						
Japan.....	8	9	9	10	12	13
Philippines.....	19	19	18	20	20	21
Oceania:						
Australia <u>5/</u> .....	228	233	227	215	221	219
New Zealand <u>6/</u> .....	222	220	227	223	235	240

1/ Carcass weight basis - excludes edible variety meats, lard, rabbit, and poultry meat. 2/ Per capita consumption figures taken into account changes in commercial stocks. Data for United States and Canada are for civilian consumption only. 3/ Total consumption includes canned meat. 4/ Beginning 1960 data include Alaska and Hawaii. 5/ Year ending June 30. 6/ Year ending September 30.

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